Rejection of Pension scheme for organised sector employees

*100. SHRI GURUDAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed pension scheme for employees in the Organised Sector has been rejected by the Ministry of Finance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and also the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The Ministry of Finance is yet to furnish its final comments on the proposed Pension Scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

Over-reporting pithead stocks of Coal India Limited

973. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI :

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the over-reporting of pithead stocks of Coal India Limited;

(b) whether Government have ordered a probe into the claims of Coal India Limited about its stock position;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) Some reports about discrepancies between reported and actual pithead stocks in subsidiaries of Coal India Limited have been received.

(b) to (d) Whenever such reports are received, each case is looked into and appropriate action is taken. Recently a Committee has been set up to look into the reported coal stock shortages in Bharat Coking Coal Limited.

Integrated Development of coal mines in Birbhum (West Bengal)

974. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan under Government consideration for integrated development of new coalfields in Birbhum (West Bengal) and simultaneous development of and setting up coal based industries in the area; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) Regional exploration by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) is in progress in the Coalfield of Birbhum district situated in the State of West Bengal. Detailed exploration for proving the coal resources can only be taken up after the regional exploration is completed. Any view on the feasibility of development of the Coalfield and setting up of coal based industries may only be taken after detailed exploration is carried out.

Representation from Coal Mines Officers Association

975. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Coal Mines Officers Association has represented to Government about large scale corruption prevailing in Coal India Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) A complaint purported to have been sent by Coal Mines Officers' Association of India, NCL Branch was received in the Ministry of Coal which was later on found to be pseudonymous.

New Deposits of Lignite in Tamil Nadu

976. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey in Tamil Nadu to locate the deposits of lignite;